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Oral formulation (I) for controlled release of an alcohol deterrent comprises an alcohol deterrent encapsulated in a polymeric matrix and further coated with an enteric coating to cause the patient to avoid the use of alcohol for at least four hours. Methods of using and preparing (I) are also claimed.

USE - (I) provides a method for administering the deterrent without using a bolus injection which has previously resulted in severe vomiting and hence non-compliance by the patient. Using (I) the reaction is sufficiently disagreeable to promote the desired effect, abstinence, but not so strong as to harm the patient. This method helps to physically encourage the patient in an attempt to reduce alcohol consumption rather than relying on moral imperatives which have failed demonstrably in the past.

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